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KURDISH ACTIVITIES AS REFLECTED IN THE ORGAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY OF KURDISTAN

1. COMMITTEE ON THE AFFAIRS OF KURDISTAN STUDENTS OF THE GENERAL
STUDENTS UNION GREETS THE KURDISH STUDENTS ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR LOCAL CONGRESS -- 18 Aug 60, p 2

Dear Students:

The student movement was and still is an indivisible part of the National People's Movement aiming at the solidification and strengthening of the democratic regime in the country and the blossoming of science and education in our beloved Iraq. At the dawn of liberation on July 14 there was opened to our great nation vast horizons for organized work. Our great union was honored with the initial organizing work after the national authority permitted all organized bodies to work, consistent with the interests of the republic and according to its liberating aims. Thus, our ready union has entered a new era in its life which will be an effective element for the establishment and strengthening of the student movement. Our union is the result of the student struggle since 1948, at which time the students acquired a special entity under whose waving flag they are sheltered.

During these days our union is holding the Local Congress for the Kurdish students in Shaklawa, bringing together the Kurdish students to discuss the flowering and development of Kurdish literature and education. This is a victory added to the victories which our great union has gained for the student movement. It is also a support to preservation of the country from the attacks of colonialism and the greedy, who aim at the collapse of our liberating gains, made possible for us by our revolutionary government.

On this occasion it pleases the Committee on Kurdish Student Affairs of the General Student Union in the Iraqi Republic to salute all Kurdish students on the occasion of this historic Congress, which will be a good beginning to study matters of Kurdish literature and education.

We urge you, men and women colleagues, to participate for the success of this historic Congress.

May the General Student Union of the Iraqi Republic live and may the First Local Congress of the Kurdish students for the development and flowering of education and science live.

May our Republic, the fortress of true Iraqi union and national independence, live.

Signed: The Committee on Kurdish Student
Affairs of the General Student
Union of the Iraqi Republic

2. STATEMENT OF THE KURDISTAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL STUDENTS UNION ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLORIOUS BARZAN REVOLUTION -- 18 August, p 2

Dear women and men colleagues:

A few days ago the fifteenth anniversary of the glorious Barzan Revolution dawned. This anniversary is very dear to us because it is a splendid expression of the heroic struggle in which the Kurdish people engaged against colonialism and its lackeys, the governing traitors -- side by side with the Arabic people in our beloved Iraq. The history of our people is full of varied sacrifice and heroism which all of its factions have offered for liberation and fulfillment of its just rights. And if colonialism has been able, with the help of the reactionaries, to suppress this revolution momentarily -- this does not mean that life will move all the time in their interest and that the Iraqi people with all of its brotherly factions will surrender to despair and defeat, and to abandonment of the weapon of struggle.

Not at all! The people continued the struggle, and its innocent sons endured the torture of prisons and concentration camps, and its heroes climbed the gallows, fully believing in final victory.

And if colonialism, by spreading the seed of division and hatred among the sons of one nation was able to suppress that revolution and other revolutions and uprisings, this does not mean that it is possible for it to resist for long the strong blows of the people, united in a solid mass -- and this is exactly what happened when the people won their final victory at the dawn of July 14 under the command of Colonel Abdul Karim Kassem.

Dear women and men colleagues -- colonialism does not surrender to defeat with such ease. If it admits defeat today -- while the people are strong and unconquerable -- the situation may be different tomorrow -- because it is in constant efforts to wreck this unconquerable entity -- it is always striving to divide our ranks and to sow the seed of ill will and malice among us. But the experiences of revolutions either of our people or of other peoples, are a good incitement to defeat of these inimical efforts. Let us stand united in our ranks and strong in the face of intrigues, and let us take heed in the history of our nation, full of revolutions and uprisings.

May the memory of these revolutions live forever in our minds and may there be eternity for the martyrs of our people throughout its honest struggle.

Signed: Committee on Kurdistan Affairs
of the Secretariat of the
General Student Union in
the Iraqi Republic

3. ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OF IRAQI KURDISTAN -- 21 August, p 2

Yesterday a large meeting was held at the general headquarters of our party. It was devoted to the anniversary of the establishment of our glorious party on August 16, 1946.

Mr. Ibrahim Ahmed, Secretary of the Central Committee of our Democratic Party of Kurdistan, opened the meeting and congratulated those present on the anniversary of the establishment of our Party and praised its importance. After him, Mr. Djalal El Talibani, member of the Political Bureau, delivered a word about the accomplishments of the Party within the national liberation movement of the Kurdish people and in the Iraqi national struggle and in the struggle to preserve the republic.

Mr. Omar Mustafa, member of the Political Bureau, succeeded the previous speaker and enlightened the conferees with the salient points of what transpired in the Second Congress of the Kurdish teachers and the role of the members of our Party and its supporters and all the good people in the success of the Congress.

The conferees departed with greater determination and stronger resolution to augment the struggle to strengthen the Party and to enlarge and fortify its organization so that it may be able to perform its great national tasks in making firm our Republic and establishing its democratic path and the execution of the rights of our native Kurdish people.

4. BRANCH COMMITTEES OF THE DPIK IN KIRKUK HAIL THE SECOND CONGRESS
OF KURDISH TEACHERS -- 21 August, pages 2, 5

The Second Congress of Kurdish Teachers - Shaklawia.

In the name of the branch of the Democratic Party of Kurdistan, the party which has always raised, and with sincerity, the symbol of serving education, science and literature in the countryside of our dear Kurdistan, we express our great pleasure at the convening of your Second Congress, and we wish from the bottoms of our hearts your success in serving education, literature and the arts in Kurdistan.

And we ask, in the name of Kurdistan's population, thirsty for learning and education, that you work for the development of the Directorate General of Kurdish Education into a better institution to be responsible for all the educational rights of the sons of Kurdistan, that you execute your First Congress resolutions for the sake of serving the Democratic Arab Kurd Republic and the strengthening of the true Iraqi union under the command of Colonel Abdul Karim Kassem.

For the Committee of the Party Branch
in Kirkuk. Djalal Abdul Rahman

Also other salutations in the same spirit were received from:

The Director of the Directorate of the Party's Quarters in
Kirkuk - Hamid Batas

The Party Committee organizing the workers of the Electricity
and Telephone in Kirkuk - Ahmad Mohammed

The Organizing Committee for the Petroleum Workers in Kirkuk -
Bahdjat Hassan

The Organizing Committee for the Party Women in Kirkuk - Hymen
Mustafa

The Organizing Committee for the Party Peasants in Kirkuk -
The Organizing Committee for the Railroad Workers -
Sayed Hussein Hassan.

From the Construction and Projects Workers by Abdul Rahman Mala
Ali and Nuri Mala Aaref.

5. GREETINGS TO THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE KURDISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
IN EUROPE -- 22 August, p 2

The sons of Kurdistan have received with the greatest of pleasure and joy the news of the convening of the Fifth Congress of the Kurdish Students Association in Europe, which convenes the 21st of this month in Berlin. This news has left its deepest imprint on them. They have flocked to send their salutations to the Congress for its success and fulfillment to serve the Kurdish nation and its just cause. Following are some of the greetings.

Greetings from the students in Khanikeen. The greeting contained: At this moment when the eyes and hearts of millions of the sons of the Kurdish people in all parts of Kurdistan are directed toward your impending Fifth Congress, the Kurdish students in the city of Khanikeen hail this Congress of yours and send you the warmest salutations and the noblest sentiments of friendship and appreciation of what you are doing in valuable efforts to serve our people's just cause, and your honored struggle for the purpose of raising the name of our country and nation in the continent of Europe, hoping that your Fifth Congress will be the beginning of a new era in the history of the Association's struggle and its immense services aiming to inform the general public of the world of the situation of the Kurdish people and what they are faced with in inequity and servitude in the parts of Kurdistan which are not liberated, in Turkey, Iran and Syria.

Dear brothers, what your heroic association does of thankful work and what it issues in publications and what it gives in celebrations to revive the dear anniversaries for our Kurdish people, makes a favorable impact and deep imprint on all of us. And in conclusion, we hope that your Congress will result in important resolutions for the service of the Kurds and Kurdistan.

40 signatures - for them: Mohammed Taher
El Zahawi
Eskender Ahmad
Nuredeen Mohammed
Nuzad Mohammed

Greeting. To the Fifth Congress of the Kurdish Students Association -
Berlin

From your brothers in Kurdistan of liberated Iraq, of the Arab and Kurd Republic, we greet you on the occasion of your Fifth Congress upon which all the eyes are centered in all parts of the wounded Kurdistan looking at you for what you will bring about for the national movement of your Kurdish people, believing and sincere. And we value your efforts and great work to inform world opinion about your people's just cause and to serve the Kurdish people. May success and luck be your ally.

For the Kurdish Students in the Summer Educational
Session in Bakuba - For them: Mohammed Saleh, Yusef El
Kurdi, Mohammed Sadeek El Zahawi

Greetings from the Students Union in Khanikeen.

With hearts full of conviction we send you the warmest salutations of the Kurdistan students who have been, and still are, eager to hear your voice defending the Kurdish people and their native rights. We salute you on the occasion of convening your Fifth Congress for which we pray all luck and success.

The Kurdish people, with a history full of sufferings and unpleasantry, look toward you with eyes full of hope and optimism and, at the same time during which they are being persecuted in the enslaved part of Kurdistan, they are strengthening their struggle and fight for the fulfillment of their native ideals, and implore its sons to work and continuously struggle for the fulfillment of their noble ideals for which Ameen Bani was a martyr and for which other brothers in Iran are waiting to become martyrs -- Gani Balourian and colleagues -- and for which the Kurdish people are enduring servitude and tyranny in the non-liberated parts.

Signed: Iskender Ahmed El Hamoundi
Secretary for the Students Union in
Khanikeen

Greetings from Messrs. Khadadad Ghlam and Nu'man Ali Mohammed.

Dear Colleagues: We salute your Fifth Congress, praying for it luck and success to serve the education and science and national cause of your Kurdish people. The services which you have performed among the students and in making the voice of your people heard in international and diplomatic circles, have an eminent and appreciated place. Go on for increased work and effort for the victory of your people.

May the Fifth Congress for the Kurdish Student Association in Europe live.

Signed: Khadadad Ghlam
Nu'man Ali Mohammed

6. WARM GREETINGS TO THE KURDISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IN EUROPE --
23 August, pages 1, 6

Today the Fifth Congress for the Kurdish Student Association in Europe convenes in Berlin.

This association, which comprises a select group of the Kurdistan students who are studying in Europe and which has been formed to bring them together and to unify their forces and streamline their efforts and to enlist them to serve the Kurds and Kurdistan, and to explain its just cause to the nations of Europe and to repudiate the colonial allegations and propaganda which are disseminated against our people and their national liberating movement, and to bring out the truth in the stand of the Kurdistan people about current events in the Orient and the world. This was after the Kurd students had felt the necessity for this association to organize them and to direct their struggle in their absence from home, as they are the sons of the Kurdish nation, persecuted and deprived of all human, native and democratic rights, except in the liberated republic, Iraq.

This association has grown in response to this national necessity and the students who have organized it are those who realized their national responsibility and did not shy away from doing their duty.

This association was established in the year 1949 and included a very few of the Kurd students who were in the European universities. However, it was very active and energetic and established strong ties with the World Student Federation and World Youth Federation, and had an envoy participating in the youth and student congress which took place in 1949 in Budapest, and at the Congress of the World Student Federation which convened in Sofia after the aforementioned congress.

In doing this, the association has rendered a great service to the Kurdish nation, as it raised its name among the people, and the voice of Kurdistan resonated loudly, explaining the tyranny and persecution practiced by the colonialists against its people, and exposing the colonial and feudal schemes for the continuation of the servitude and division of the Kurds and Kurdistan.

Then the association joined the World Student Federation. It held many meetings in Switzerland and published many articles in the newspapers to explain the Kurdish cause and show the brilliant face of the liberating movement of the Kurdish people, and as the effectiveness of the association was growing and its deeds grew, here comes a group of destructive cosmopolitans, of ungrateful Kurds, enemies of the Kurdish liberation movement and ignorant of the existence of the Kurdish nation, some of them from Iraqi Kurdistan and others from Kurdistan annexed to Turkey. This bunch comes out to destroy and abolish the Association, and was performing its role of traitor with the help of certain foreign groups which did not like the existence of an organization for the Kurds and an association for the Kurdistan strugglers. Thus the Association was given a hard blow which it did not have the strength to resist because of the fewness of its members and the weakness of its resources and the ferocity of its enemies.

And so treason played its criminal role in freezing the whole Association and paralyzing its activities, which has greatly harmed the cause of the Kurdish people and has immensely served the colonials and exploiters.

However, this association soon was resurrected by the hands of the remaining members, who stayed clutching to its mission and faithful to its aims and intentions, as well as others who have believed in it. This was in the form of an educational committee, as the objection to its existence as an association for the Kurdish students was still in effect. However, the march of events and the development of the liberating movement of our Kurdish people and the increase in the number of the discerning Kurdish students, and the influence of the glorious July 14 revolution, have overcome the difficulties which were in the way of the educational committee, and it was transformed into the Kurdish Student Association in Europe, which has today become a strong organization with many branches in the different regions of Europe. This association now enjoys the sympathy and approval of millions of the sons and daughters of Kurdistan and the respect and appreciation of the world Iraqi and Arab Democratic Student organizations.

Then the fact that the president was invited to the Soviet Union by the Soviet Student Council this summer is a strong indication of the extent of respect which the association enjoys in world student circles. [See Note]

And today as the Fifth Annual Congress of the Kurdish Student Association in Europe is convened, the Kurdish people are looking toward Berlin and sending from their national land, Kurdistan, its sincere greetings to its righteous sons, the members of the Kurd Student Association, wishing them increased luck and success in their noble mission.

[Note] This is not unusual with regard to the Kurd Student Association, which has been registering from one year to another blaring victories and successes in the arena of serving the Kurdish people and its education and national cause. Thus it has occupied an outstanding place within every honest Kurd and has become dear to our people and its revolutionary force and at its front, our Kurdistan Democratic Party.

As for the Kurdistan Democratic Party, the vanguard of the Kurdish people, which appreciates very highly the efforts and struggle of the Kurd Student Association, it presents its warm greetings to the conferees and wishes them success and effectiveness to complete their duties and wishes their Congress every success and progress, and wishes their struggling association expansion and victory, thus reiterating its determination to offer all possible help to their association.

Greetings from Kurdistan, and at its vanguard our Kurdistan Democratic Party, to the Fifth Congress of the Kurd Student Association in Europe. May the Kurd Student Association in Europe live and become more firmly rooted. And victory to its Fifth Congress.

7. THE KURDISH PEOPLE GREET THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE ON THEIR NATIONAL HOLIDAY -- 23 August, pages 1, 6

The Kurdish people salute the Rumanian people on their national holiday. On 23 August 1944, the masses and the Rumanian Army arose against the Fascist occupation side by side with the Soviet Army, which was on the trail of the retreating Nazi army. And after a bitter fight, the liberation of Rumania from foreign domination was completed and a national Rumanian government was established in execution of the people's wishes, which was expressed by the National Front which took command of the government immediately after the liberation.

The liberation of Rumania has played its role in dealing the worst defeat to Fascism and in firmly establishing democracy in Europe and Rumania.

The Republic of Rumania has participated in a large measure in firmly establishing peace and security in Europe generally and in the Balkans specifically. Also, it participated in the liberation of the remaining parts of eastern Europe.

During the government of the People's Democracy, the Rumanian people have made great progress in the various areas of their lives, politically, economically, educationally, socially, and in other ways. They have built a strong industry and developed their agriculture and rebuilt their country, after it had been demolished at the hands of the attacking German forces, and after it had suffered bitterly under the regime of the traitor group of the Rumanian reactionaries, collaborating with Fascists.

Internationally, the Rumanian Republic played an honorable role in the preservation of peace and the firm establishment of its foundation, in the dissemination of the principles of peaceful coexistence, and especially in the national movement which was embarked upon the nations of Asia and Africa. The Rumanian People's Republic has stood against colonialism, occupation and annexation and has helped the struggling peoples in their national liberation and in their right to self-determination. Thus it has given great service to humanity, which is progressing toward light, freedom and democracy, and thus it has supported the international democratic front.

Rumania has helped in furthering the cause of Eastern nations, among them the Arabic and Kurdish nations, against colonialism and hostile alliances, and for the liberation of their country from colonial domination. And when the Iraqi Army arose under the leadership of Colonel Abdul Karim Kassem to execute the will of the people for a glorious revolution to cast aside the royal regime collaborating with colonialism, The Rumanian People's Democracy declared its complete sympathy with the 14 July Revolution and hastened to recognize our Iraqi republic, the Arab and Kurd Democratic Republic, then stood with firmness against the Turkish threats to overrun our republic, and against the English-American landings in Lebanon and Trans-Jordan; all this has strengthened our people's determination to defend their republic and their revolutionary gains, and it led subsequently to

the strengthening of the ties between our two countries and between the two republics of Iraq and Rumania, both loving freedom and democracy.

During the republic government, the educational economic and political relationships between the two republics have developed for their interests and for international peace.

The people of the two republics have been very zealous in strengthening these relationships. The Iraqi people with their Arabic and Kurdish populations have realized every benefit and profit from their friendship with the Rumanian people, in addition to their common aims on an international scale in augmenting peace and helping the people in their struggle for liberation. And today, when the Rumanian people celebrate their sixteenth anniversary of the liberation of their country and the establishment of their national government, all freedom and democracy loving nations participate, including the Kurdish people whose country of Kurdistan was partitioned by the colonialists and who have been deprived of all human rights except in liberated Iraq where the Kurds and Arabs are considered partners. The Democratic Kurdistan Party, the leaders of Kurdistan, takes the opportunity on the Rumanian national holiday to send the greetings of the Kurdish people to their Rumanian friends with all wishes for the success of Rumania and greater victories in all aspects of life.

8. DPIK DELEGATION MEETS WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN KIRKUK --
24 August, p 2

On the evening of August 17, a delegation of the branch of our Kurdistan Democratic Party in Kirkuk visited His Excellency the Minister of Education after it had set a date for that purpose at the Officer's Club in Kirkuk. The delegation explained to His Excellency the Minister the problems relating to Kurdish education and the situation of the Kurdish schools in Liwaa [district] Kirkuk. His Excellency the Minister listened intently and seriously to our delegation, demonstrating deep understanding of the views of the delegation, discussed the subject with the members of the delegation and advanced his valuable thoughts and unerring opinions on the subject. He also stated that he will not fail to exert all efforts to put life into Kurdish education, his purpose being always the general interest and service of the country.

His words were very well received by the members of the delegation. As the hour was late, the delegation bid him farewell, thanking him for his good reception and his understanding of the problems of Kurdish education.

9. ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
IRAQI KURDISTAN -- 24 August, pp 5, 6

A few days ago an anniversary dawned on us, dear to the heart of every honest Kurd who believes in his heroic Kurdish heritage and its continuing struggle for freedom and escape from the bonds of servitude and slavery. Yes, an anniversary dawned on us, beloved to our hearts, and that is the anniversary of the establishment of the heroic front to the Kurdish liberation movement "The Kurdistan Democratic Party". This glorious party which has carried with all fidelity and sincerity the flag of the Kurdish heritage and liberation, and which struggled and is still struggling tirelessly for the elevation of the Kurd and Kurdistan, and which has offered sacrifices and oblations for all this, with some of its heroic members climbing the gallows, singing the name of beloved Kurdistan and believing in their Kurdish people and its legitimate right to a free life; and the memory of the execution of the four hero officers, Khru Alla, Izzat, Mohammed, and Khoshnaou, is still with us. The emergence of our Kurdistan Democratic Party was a result of the great sacrifices and numerous revolutions which our Kurdish people have carried out and failed in because the heroic Kurdish masses realized from their many experiences that their just struggle would not be successful if it did not have a revolutionary front, strong and courageous, and which does not fear bullets or gallows, nor accept bargaining about the just cause of the Kurdish people, and in order to fight the fantastic ideas in the ranks of the dirty, opportunist, cosmopolitan Kurds, and in order to wipe out traitors who trade in the name of the Kurdish people. The result of the interaction of all of these factors and the result on the increased national awakening and growing national feeling among the Kurds, and as a result of the courageous Barzani revolution, which was led with bravery and heroism by the struggling nationalistic, courageous president of our Party, Mustafa El Barzani; as a result of all of these factors, the Kurdish people's liberation front, The Kurdistan Democratic Party appeared from the depths of the Kurdish people and the hearts of their pure selves to guide the Kurdish nation and to light for it the way to freedom and the correct scientific approach in the struggle. For all of these reasons it deserved the title of vanguard of Kurdish liberation and has been and still is our liberating vanguard and leader toward our hopes and legitimate aims, and therefore we see the Kurds who are joining the Party are increasing day by day because of their understanding of its noble aims and devoted leadership. And I say on this occasion to some of the traitor opportunist Kurds, those who write in certain known newspapers and accuse the leadership of the Party with all sorts of falsehoods, I say to them, where were they when the heroes of our party went to the battlefronts and when our heroes ascended the gallows or were being tortured in the prisons of the traitor, Nuri Saeed and the traitor Hashemite family; where were they when the men of our party, headed

by the struggling Mustafa El Barzani, were exiled from their country; where were they when the dirty British colonial forces and the traitor Iraqi authorities during the black past regime were taking the lives of our heroic, innocent people of Barzan's aged, women and children? Where were they? Of course they were not with the struggling masses, with the revolting masses fighting with their sister Arabic masses for freedom, democracy and peace. They have been licking the feet of Nuri Saeed and Abdul El Elah and their followers for positions and temporary personal gains. When did they become devoted to the Kurds and to the Kurdish liberating movement, and if they really are devoted, why then are they not writing in the Party's struggling newspaper Khebat or one of the national newspapers, and why do they not write with their true names; for instance, this nonsensical "Kurdi" whose writing points to what his mean self embodies in hatred, spite and malice to our heroic party and its devoted, faithful leadership?

But our Kurdish people will not be deceived by the lies of such traitors and opportunists. Their cheap attacks on the Party and its leadership do not result in but the greater and greater attachment of the Kurds to the Party and its devoted leadership.

Hail to our heroic Party on the day of its glorious establishment, which should be a holiday celebrated by all Kurds every year on 16 August, and hail to its devoted, faithful leadership, headed by the courageous fighter, Mustafa El Barzani.

May this dear anniversary be an incentive for the Kurds and their crusading Party to march forward with firm steps toward the realization of the nation, and may our heroic, victorious Party live.

10. THE KURDISTANI DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS A STRONG SUPPORT TO OUR
LIBERATED REPUBLIC'S REGIME -- 25 August, p 5

by
Sadik Hassan

When Colonel Abdul Karim Kassem declared on 14 July the beginning of our immortal revolution in his first historic statement, that revolution which liberated the Iraqi people with both its Arabic and Kurdish nationalities from economic and political exploitation and from the hostile alliances to which it has been chained, the faithful Kurdish people, represented by their vanguard, the Democratic Kurdistan Party, arose to help the republic and to gather about its faithful leadership and place all of its resources, material and spiritual, at the disposal of the blessed revolution with no strings or conditions. This short period of time which has elapsed and the experiences which our republic has undergone have proven the devotion and assistance of the Kurdish people to the Iraqi republic of Arabs and Kurds, and to the leadership of the faithful leaders in particular. The Kurdish people, longing for freedom and independence, had tasted the bitterness of internal persecution during many previous centuries and colonial persecution at the hands of different decadent and retrogressive governments which deprived them of their educational, social and political rights, even the right to speak in their own language. Their national heritage had almost vanished when the Kurdish people arose against the colonials and their lackeys, sacrificing everything dear in the blood of youth which colored the mountains of our dear Kurdistan for the fulfillment of our national rights.

Then the writer points to the emergence of certain political, exceptional and unnatural circumstances which Kurdistan had undergone about a year and a half ago and how our Party emerged with head high and strong and continued its revolutionary efforts at the head of the heroic Kurdistan people. He concludes his article by saying: "Indeed I have not seen during my whole life of 39 years in the history of the political parties of all the world a party, progressing with calm steps and correct scientific theories to serve the public interest, such as our Democratic Kurdistan Party. It has not taken one single step during the past two years which could have led to the creation of chaos, or complications between the Arabic and Kurdish nationalities. It is continuing its correct policies and tactics based on solid scientific foundations. The correct direction built on a scientific foundation has led during the past two years of the life of our revolution to the strengthening of the republic and the strengthening of Arabic-Kurdish brotherly ties. I pray God to guide our hand to the good of all the people".

11. GREETINGS FROM KIRKUK BRANCH OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF IRAQI
KURDISTAN TO THE CONGRESS OF TURKMEN TEACHERS -- 28 August, p 1

To the Congress of Turkmen Teachers in Kirkuk: As we send you the greetings and felicitations of our Democratic of Iraqi Kurdistan Party in Kirkuk on the occasion of the convening of your First Congress, we express our hopes that your Congress will participate worthily in dealing with the problems of your language and the flowering of the education and literature of our Turkmen brethren. This, of course, is pursuant to the principles of our progressive party, the twenty-second article of whose by-laws states that the Party shall endeavor to guarantee social, economic and educational rights for the Turkmen nationals by opening special schools, by reviving their national progressive traditions, and guaranteeing their complete equality with the Arabic and Kurdish nationalities in all respects.

In conclusion, we hope that your resolutions will be in support of the Arabic-Kurdish-Turkmeni-Athuri-Armenian brotherhood, and to true Iraqi unity and to the preservation of our democratic republic under the command of our only leader, Abdul Karim Kassem.

Victory and success to the Congress of our Turkmen brothers.

May our democratic republic live under the command of our only leader, Abdul Karim Kassem.

Signed: Djalal Abdul Rhman, for the
Committee of the Kirkuk Branch
of the Democratic Party of
Iraqi Kurdistan

12. PARTY AFFAIRS AND ACTIVITIES, A DPIK DELEGATION VISITS AL-KUT --
28 August, p 2

In response to the invitation by many hundreds of the Kurdish nationals, a Party delegation departed Thursday toward al-Kut, composed of the strugglers Djalal El Talebani, Abdul Hussein El-Feely, Mohammed Hassan Barzu, Manid Mehdi, and Abdul Wahab El Bajilan. The delegation was warmly received by tens of Kurdish strugglers, candidates or supporters of our Democratic Party of Iraqi Kurdistan. The delegation convened in the house of one of the strugglers in the Kurdish district with the welcoming group and tens of the Kurdish strugglers, where brother Suleiman delivered a welcoming word in the name of the Kurds of Kut. Mr. Djalal El Talebani then delivered his message, in which he communicated to the gathering the greetings of the Political Bureau and the Party explained the Party's charge in the preservation of the republican democracy and national unity under the leadership of Colonel Abdul Karim Kassem. He also explained that the platform of our Party is built on a foundation of principles and is not influenced by fleeting circumstances. He praised the stand of our glorious Party in the preservation of the republic and its democratic way, in the defense of the national rights of the Kurdish people and in explaining the truth of our people's national liberation movement. He touched upon the explanation of the principles of the Party and pointed to some of its platform dealing with Kurdish rights and the revolutionary groups in Kurdistan society. The delegation spent the second day inspecting the city and visiting friends.

The delegation was received with generosity and gratitude by our welcoming brothers, which left a great impression on its members. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the relationship of our Kurdish brothers in the south with their Kurd brothers in Kurdistan and Baghdad. The delegation has realized well the love and respect which our Party and its wise Central Committee enjoy among our Kurd brothers over there and among others of the progressive democratic elements.

13. MEMORANDUM OF THE ERBIL BRANCH OF DPIK -- 29 August, p 2

To: His Excellency, the Minister of Municipalities

The Erbil Branch of the Democratic Party of Iraqi Kurdistan takes the opportunity of your visit to our democratic city, Erbil, to welcome you most cordially and to present you with warm greetings. Your Excellency, the Branch should like to tell you of the shortcomings of Erbil and its needs, which demand quick, positive and complete solutions, knowing all the time that the solution of a portion of these shortcomings is not related to your Ministry. However, the Branch requests the participation of Your Excellency in their execution, as you are one of the revolutionary ministers. In the following we present to Your Excellency the most important of the Liwaa [district] essential requests:

- 1) Solution of the unemployment problem, because of which the workers of our city have endured much hardship for a long time, by bringing into being the various government projects and employing many hands;
- 2) Beginning the construction of the second installment of residences in Erbil and in Keweisinjuk, and the completion of the residences project in Barzan;
- 3) Start of construction of the irrigation project in Aski Kalak;
- 4) Commencement of the project of bringing water from El Zab El Kabir to Erbil;
- 5) Surveying of the lands of Liwaa Erbil for the purpose of the execution of the law of agrarian reform;
- 6) To drill artesian wells and build a reservoir, connect it with pipes, equip it and use it;
- 7) Establishment of a new project for water in Erbil and in the two Kadas [sections] of Makmour and Zibar;
- 8) Return of the stockings and lingerie factory to the Liwaa of Erbil, as it was destined for our district in the provisional economic law. The Ministry of Partition has decided to move it to Liwaa al-Kut. Your Excellency does not fail to see the persistent need of our city -- deprived of all industrial projects -- for this factory, so that it may become a principal factor in dealing with the problem of unemployment which prevails at the present time.
- 9) Start on the electric supply for Kada Mirka Sur and the two villages [Nahia] Barzan and Kuair, as well as other villages which need electric power, and the completion of the electrification projects of Rawundoz and Shaklaw and Keweisinjuk;
- 10) Concentration on the project of fighting agricultural diseases, and concentration on raising animals and preservation of the pastures, and the establishment of a station to rent modern agricultural equipment, and a workshop to repair it;
- 11) Advance new loans to the peasants without collecting their loan of last year, because of the bad agricultural season this year;

12) Hasten the distribution of confiscated land to the peasants by the Ministry of Agrarian Reform;

13) Pave the routes connecting: a) Erbil - Makhmour; b) Erbil-Keweisinjuk; c) Babeshtian - Jama - Shirwan; d) Khleifan - Bela - Barzan; e) Kelale - Rousta; f) Deane - Sabadekan; g) Keweisinjuk - Rania; h) complete pavement of the road between Keweisinjuk and Kirkuk;

14) Give the municipality of Erbil a suitable loan so that it may be able to carry out its projects and to complete what it has already started in projects and civil works which our city needs, because the municipality of our Liwaa has very few revenues, a matter which has always resulted in requesting assistance from the government;

15) Open an orphanage for orphans and care for their upbringing, also to open a rest home for the aged in our district.

Please accept many thanks and monumental respect from the local committee of the Erbil Branch of the Democratic Party of Iraqi Kurdistan.

Signed: Shams El Deen El Mufti

14. CONCERNING THE NECESSITY FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE PARTY OF THE
VANGUARD. PART I -- 7 September, p 2

Preface.

The life of the people of Kurdistan and the history of Kurdistan, the mode of social development and growth, the progress of the society of Kurdistan, and the national liberation movement of the Kurdistan nation [Kurdaity -- El Kurwadah], all this has necessitated the existence of the Kurdo Kurdistan Party at the Vanguard and has given it impetus toward refinement and maturity.

Also, the political, economic and social events in Kurdistan show increasingly day by day the necessity for the existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard to guide the steps of the victorious people toward liberation and happiness.

Our own experiences, those of the Kurdish liberation movement, those of the Kurdistan revolution, experiences of all these struggles. Uprisings and revolutions which Kurdistan has engaged in for decades, experiences of the other Iraqi parties in Kurdistan, all also prove that the existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard is very essential to guide the efforts of the Kurdistan people, the struggle which is now in the stage of national liberation and striving for social progress.

Everyone who feigns ignorance of the existence of the Kurds and Kurdistan and of the Kurdish national domain, and everyone who believes in the justice of the Kurdish cause, which is a matter of the liberation of a nation oppressed, whose rights and national lands have been confiscated by the colonial authorities and their lackeys, and denied realization of all its national aims, everyone who really understands that the right is possessed and not given and is confiscated right and is a right repossessed and not returned, yes, everyone who is aware of the aforementioned realities will find it easy to realize the extreme and urgent need for the existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard.

Similarly, if we know of the existence of a historic movement in Kurdistan in which is portrayed the mode of social development, this is the movement of the national liberation of Kurdish people, and if we know that it is a just and legitimate movement, a revolution against colonialism and the exploiters, a movement of a progressive population, we would then see plainly the extent of the necessity and importance of the Kurdistan Progressive Revolutionary Party, of the Vanguard to guide this liberating national movement of the Kurdish people for the fulfillment of its legitimate and just aims, to preserve it from veering from its course, from being deceived by the lies of colonialism and its lackeys, to keep it from the evils of chauvinism and cosmopolitanism and to prevent it from veering toward the left or right. In addition to all the aforementioned, a look at the events of the past two years in the life of our Iraqi republic, full of experiences and lessons and experiments, would lead to the way which

if followed, would gain the Kurdish people its rights and show us the defenders of these rights ... We have seen that all the Iraqi parties -- from the extreme right through the center to the extreme left -- have not considered the rights of the Kurds as among the principal causes for whose attainments efforts must be particularly expended. Some of them have not even mentioned in their platform the name Kurd, and those who did, did so under the pressure of the Kurdistan people for the purpose of propaganda and only to gain supporters among the Kurds. Thus the flag of demand for Kurd rights and internal autonomy continued to shade the party and be lifted by the hands of its leaders and strugglers ... The Kurdish Democratic Party alone has struggled for those aims and expended much effort for them.

Also, the Party was alone in shouldering the greater part of the struggle for Kurdish national rights, bringing the voice of the Kurdish people to the ears of the nations of the world, explaining their just cause to these nations, and in showing the truth of their national liberating movement ... This is a stark reality; we do not think it needs any explanation.

The non-existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard could mean only the non-recognition of the Kurdish cause and its being left without solution and the Kurdish nation continuing to be oppressed with its rights confiscated and the nation divided and in servitude; in other words, it would mean the disposition of this cause in the interest of the colonialists and exploiters and the abolition of the Kurds and Kurdistan indefinitely.

Yes, these aforementioned truths and events prove to us with no possibility of doubt that the existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard is among the most important prerequisites for the Kurdish nation in the attainment of its objectives and goals.

However, even so, in order to expose the bases and routes of our historic and social Party, to bring out the manner in which it emerged from the hearts of the Kurdistan population, to formulate the ideas and just views about the healthy necessity of the existence of our Party of the Vanguard, to express its many advantages to the Kurdistan nation and to the liberating movements of nations, to strengthen and more firmly establish the Kurdish-Arabic brotherhood, to support our Iraqi republic -- the republic of Arabs and Kurds -- and to enlarge its democratic process, to explain all this we found it necessary to touch upon this grave subject in this column.

Now let us begin to define the Party and to express "the vanguard role" of the party. What is the Vanguard Party? The Party is composed of: the union of conscious strugglers of one class or several classes (living in similar situations and having common interests); the union is formed to realize and preserve their interests by organizing, mobilizing and preparing their forces and moving them and directing them in a continuous, conscious struggle befitting the requirements and needs of the aims, with a view to realizing their hopes and interests and acquisitions of their rights. When the conscious and understanding elements of the strugglers of one class or several classes

are united and have their relationships organized in accordance with a given manner and rule, utilizing means which guarantee the setting in motion and use of their forces after they have been gathered, united and organized, the Party is then formulated.

15. CONCERNING THE NECESSITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF OUR PARTY OF THE
VANGUARD. PART II -- 8 September, p 5

What is the vanguard role? The basis for the vanguard role for any party within society is: to remove and abolish all obstacles, encumbrances and problems placed by the exploiting, retrogressive forces in the path of social development which arrest and retard the movement of society's development and improvement, to crush these exploiting retrogressive forces (be they foreign or local), to oversee the struggle of the oppressed, exploited people and direct them and to guide the people consciously in the path of freedom, progress and happiness. Human society is in continuous development and progress and will remain so, and this development is taking place in accordance with laws of social evolution which are not made by anyone and are above the will of man. They have been, are, and will continue to be historic necessities.

However, when the exploiting, oppressing, retrogressive forces have put obstacles and encumbrances in the path of this inevitable evolution and resisted it with their antiquated regime with views, beliefs and ethics belonging to that regime in order to delay it, then the existence of a vanguard force to scatter those enemies and to remove their obstacles and encumbrances is a historic necessity. This is so because the role of man in social evolution is at its best the knowledge of the laws of the evolution and progress of society, their understanding and exploitation in a correct way, finding the specific path for the evolution of the society where man himself is living, going along and smoothing the path to facilitate the march of progress of society despite the objectors, and the removal of obstacles and encumbrances placed by them.

In order to find the specific way for the evolution of any society and to know the characteristics of its specific evolution, it is very essential to study realistically, scientifically, wisely, and in the light of progressive thinking, the history and circumstances of the society (the scientific theory). It should not be forgotten here that the scientific theory is nothing but the calm glow which lights up the path and is not lifeless expression and texts ... How is the Party of the Vanguard formed and how should such a party for the Kurdistan people be formed? It appears to us from the aforementioned that the historic basis of the necessity of a party of the vanguard, built on the reality that it is in the interest of some forces and exploiting reactionary classes to retard and delay society and thus interrupt the path of normal social evolution, which is something that should be removed from the path of social progress, is to save this society from that which it has endured of exploitation and deprivation. It is a must to organize, prepare and motivate the forces whose interest is the progress of society and to direct said forces to get rid of the exploiters, tyrants and reactionaries, and to remove their obstacles and encumbrances from the path.

The Historic Basis for the Existence of the Kurdistan Party of the Vanguard

The above was in general. How is it then in our Kurdistan? In the Kurdistan society this necessity is seen plainly and clearly -- that is, the historic necessity for the existence of the Party of the Vanguard for the Kurdistan people is also present in our Kurdistan.

In our Kurdistan also, there are certain forces that delay the progress of society and the economic, political and educational progress of the people of Kurdistan. The imperialists, the confiscators and their agents are the cause of the persecution, misery and deprivation of the Kurds and Kurdistan. On the opposite side, all the good forces of the Kurdistan people, all those devoted to the Kurds and Kurdistan, all those whose interest is social evolution, ought to be organized, prepared and invigorated to exterminate the confiscating, exploiting forces which retard the path of our progress and to remove the obstacles and encumbrances in the path of Kurdistan's development, which are occupation, foreign rule and worn out reactionary laws. All this means the necessity for the existence of the Party of the Vanguard for the Kurdistan people to carry out this difficult historic mission.

This is one of the principal bases for the existence of the Party of the Vanguard for the Kurdistan people and we shall discuss later the other bases for it.

16. KURDISTAN GREETINGS TO THE FRIENDLY BULGARIAN PEOPLE --
9 September, pp 1, 6

Today the Bulgarian people celebrate the anniversary of their sixteenth National Holiday, the holiday commemorating their victory over the Fascist dictatorial royal rule and the establishment of the People's Democracy in its stead. The history of the Bulgarian people -- like that of the Kurdish people -- is packed with heroic uprisings against invaders and foreign colonials. The Bulgarian people endured during the years of the Second World War the bitterness of the Fascist dictatorial rule which had tied the Bulgarian people to the wheel of the Nazi regime. However, the freedom-loving Bulgarian people met the policies of the Fascist regime with deep anger and disdain, and all the forces opposing Fascism united and were folded under the flag of the National Front which led the struggle of the people to conquer the royal Fascist dictatorship, end the ties with Nazi Germany and enter into alliance with the Allied Nations; groups were organized which undertook the task of destroying the enemy stronghold throughout the country. The bitter struggle which the National Front carried out in addition to the successive victories secured by the forces of the Allied Nations over the Nazis everywhere, in addition to the approach of the Red Army to the Bulgarian borders, led to the collapse of the Fascist rule in Bulgaria on the 9th of September 1944, which is considered a national holiday by the Bulgarian People's Republic and is named Liberation Day.

The uprising of 9 September registered the beginning of the People's Democracy of Bulgaria, characterized by being the rule of the peasants and workers and educated progressives. The people's democratic regime has accomplished during the past 16 years brilliant successes in every respect. Official statistics point out that the total national industrial production in Bulgaria now exceeds ten times what it had been before the war, and that the ratio of the national industrial production to agricultural production is 31 to 19. The program for economic development assures that the industrial production will be in 1962 double that of 1957, and in 1965 three or four times that of 1957. Bulgaria has constructed during the past several years its own heavy industry and built many factories for steel and building materials, huge chemical plants and electric power plants. Almost half of its industrial production is in heavy industries.

In the agricultural field, Bulgaria has reached a new historic era, from the old wooden plow to tractors and harvesting machinery. There are now in the country about 1,000 cooperative farms, including about 4,500,000 farmers, more than 4,650,000 hectares of cultivated land and 55 government farms, which comprise about 200,000 hectares and include 210 tractor stations. As an example of the latest agricultural machinery, there were in 1959 more than 30,000 fifteen-horsepower tractors in the country.

The country also accomplished similar successes in the fields of education, health and electrification. Statistics show that

illiteracy has been abolished in Bulgaria, and that in the years since the liberation more than 1300 new schools have been constructed, while the number of secondary schools has jumped from 170 to 541 and the number of students from 92,000 to 232,000.

In foreign affairs, the government of the National Front severed relations with Nazi Germany immediately after succeeding to power and declared war against it, and the Bulgarian armed forces continued their struggle against Hitlerism side by side with the armies of the Allied Nations. After the end of World War II, on the heels of Germany's defeat, Bulgaria followed the policy of peaceful co-existence with all countries and settled all of its important problems with its neighbor Balkan governments in the spirit of amiability and friendship.

Bulgaria today is one nation in the powerful Socialist camp which works unceasingly for peace, to decrease international tensions, to support strongly the just struggle which the colonized and mandated nations are carrying on for freedom and progress, and offers moral and material support with no strings attached to the countries which have recently been liberated, in order to strengthen their independence politically and economically.

In accordance with, this Bulgaria has stood, government and nation, at the side of our Iraqi people after their glorious victory on 14 July and the emergence of the liberated Iraqi republic. Thus agreements were signed for educational and technical exchange between the two liberated friendly republics, Bulgaria and Iraq, and now Bulgarian technicians are living among us as dear friends.

The Democratic Party of Iraqi Kurdistan, the vanguard of the democratic people, presents its heartfelt, warm congratulations to the peaceful Bulgarian people on this happy occasion and wishes for them increased success and progress for the good of the Bulgarian people and the good of all nations.